

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. (*Cancelled*)

4. (*Currently Amended*) ~~The system of claim 3 further comprising~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document;

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified, wherein the system enables a user to create and store a main document having a reference to an insert document, and wherein the document destination module enables a user to create a main document with a reference to an insert document and stores the main document with the reference separate from the insert document being referenced; and

a formula definition module that enables a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.

5. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The system of claim 1~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the document location point comprises a background in the main document.

6-8. (**Cancelled**)

9. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The system of claim 8 further comprising~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

data storage means for storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

database means for storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

formula resolution means for resolving the formula to derive a value for the reference;

means for retrieving and opening a main document;

document retrieval means for retrieving the insert document using the reference;

document insertion means for inserting the insert document into the main document at a document insertion point, wherein the system also enables a user to create and store a main document having a reference to an insert document, and wherein the document destination means comprises (i) means for enabling a user to create a main document with a reference to an insert document and (ii) means for storing the main document with the reference separate from the insert document being referenced; and

formula definition means for enabling a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.

10. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The system of claim 6~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

data storage means for storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

database means for storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

formula resolution means for resolving the formula to derive a value for the reference;

means for retrieving and opening a main document;

document retrieval means for retrieving the insert document using the reference; and

document insertion means for inserting the insert document into the main document at a document insertion point;

wherein the document location point comprises a background in the main document.

11. (*Cancelled*)

12. (*Cancelled*)

13. (***Currently Amended***) ~~The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of~~ A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

creating a main document with a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document;

storing the main document having a reference to an insert document separate from the insert document included in the stored main document; and

enabling a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.

14. (*Cancelled*)

15. (**Cancelled**)

16. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The computer readable medium of claim 14~~
~~further comprising~~ A computer usable medium having computer readable
program code means embodied therein for managing a main document with a
reference to one or more insert documents to be included in the main document
comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store
the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert
document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store
one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to extract
a formula from the main document;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to
resolve the formula to a reference to an insert document from the main
document;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to
retrieve the insert document;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to insert
the insert document into the main document; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable
a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to
be included in the main document.

17. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The system of claim 1, further comprising~~ A
system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for
inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula
that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including
contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document;

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified; and

a continuous resolving module that resolves the formula continuously in order to modify the insert document that is inserted in an opened main document.

18-30. ***(Previously Added)***

31. ***(Currently Amended)*** ~~The system of claim 26,~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the insert document is stored in a first database and the main document is stored in a second database; and

wherein the insert document stored in said first database can be modified to a modified insert document, wherein the modified insert document is inserted into the main document in response to user selecting the main document.

32. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The system of claim 1;~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the main document includes a pre-defined portion, said pre-defined portion may be specified to include an insert document representing a background for the main document.

33-35. **(Cancelled)**

36. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The system of claim 35,~~ A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the formula may be defined based on a function, wherein the function determines a date and generates a link for the determined date; and

wherein the link is continuously resolved to a field representing an image for the main document.

37. (**Cancelled**)

38. (**Cancelled**)

39. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The method of claim 11,~~ A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the step of resolving includes continuously resolving the formula in order to modify the insert document that is inserted in an opened main document.

40-52. (**Cancelled**)

53. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The method of claim 48,~~ A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the insert document is stored in a first database and the main document is stored in a second database; and

wherein the insert document stored in said first database can be modified to a modified insert document, wherein the modified insert document is inserted into the main document in response to user selecting the main document.

54. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The method of claim 11,~~ A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the main document includes a pre-defined portion, said pre-defined portion may be specified to include an insert document representing a background for the main document.

55-57. (**Cancelled**)

58. (**Currently Amended**) ~~The method of claim 57,~~ A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the formula may be defined based on a function,

wherein the function determines a date and generates a link for the determined date, and

wherein the link is continuously resolved to a field representing an image for the main document.

59. (**Cancelled**)

60. (**Cancelled**)

61. (**Previously Presented**) A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein, the method comprising:

enabling a user to open said main document, said main document stored in a first database, said main document including a formula corresponding to one or more insert documents stored in a second database;

resolving the formula in order to identify at least one corresponding insert document, said at least one corresponding insert document including contents for said main document;

retrieving said identified insert document from the second database;

inserting said identified insert document into said main document at a pre-determined document location point; and

resolving the formula continuously in order to modify said identified insert document that is inserted in the main document.